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B.I.A. will be on site to assist with probate issue

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Representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs will be at the Tribal Office Headquarters in Keshena in December, to gather information on deceased tribal members who were eligible for the Menominee Per Capita Judgement payments.

The purpose, said Lucille Benton, a Legal Clerk with the BIA, is to "begin the probate process on their estates."

Both Benton and Carla Bigboy,

Menominee Indian Tribe receives stamp of approval

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KESHENA, Wis. (AP) — The Menominee Indian Tribe has earned a certificate of self-regulation, one of only two tribes in the nation to receive such an honor.

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon also received a certificate from the National Indian Gaming Commission in Washington, D.C.

The self-regulation program

Elder's enjoy Christmas dinner at Casino



Photo courtesy of CBRF staff

Along with the elders, the handicap from local health care centers were also invited to participate. Above, Mary Jane Zimmerman (Maple Lane Health Care Center) is serenaded by Elvis impersonator Gary Hill. Some participants felt Mr. Hill held more of a resemblance to Wayne Newton.

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Car counting for traffic-impact study

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KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — Environmental consultants counted cars entering and leaving Dairyland Greyhound Park, as part of an assessment of how a proposed casino at the track would affect traffic conditions.

A vehicle count was not included in an environmental assessment that the Menominee Nation filed last month with the U.S. Bureau of Indian

Affairs.

The Menominee want to place part of the 87-acre Dairyland property in trust and then obtain a gambling license for the tribal casino.

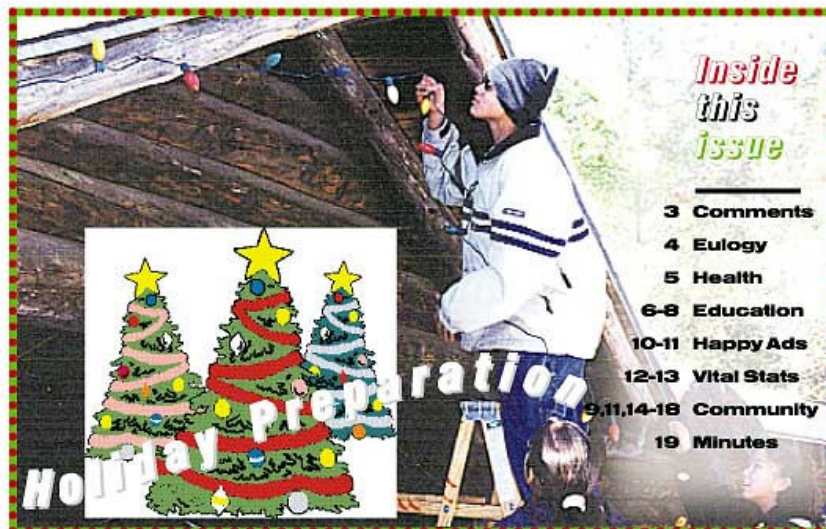
Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., has sent a letter to the BIA asking the agency to consider extending the public comment period on the environmental assessment.

Feingold's letter came at the

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PROBATE:

Probate Clerk, will be on site in the enrollment office on Monday, December 11th beginning at 1 p.m., all day December 12th and until 10 a.m. on December 13th.

Following is a list of eligible deceased tribal members whose estates have yet to be processed:

Virgil N. 'Halfday' Barnes, Barbara O'Brien, Karen Marie Clay, Carl Clayton Cordts, Lori Cypher, Evangeline Garza, Donna Tucker Gilmer, Duffy Pemma Hawpetoss, Paul Pemma Hawpetoss, Eugene N. Kaquatosh, Kenwood Stanley Kenote, Delores Edith Koszarek, Herman Martin, Emma Pemma Maskewit, Clarence M. Olson, Sr., Wilbert Peters, Arnold Tepiew, Francis Tepiew, Velma Tucker, George Vigue, Mary W. Waupoose, and Lafe Williams III. Family members are asked to please bring along a copy of the death certificate when you meet with the BIA representatives.

Although no appointment is necessary, relatives may contact Carla Bigboy or Lucille Benton at 715-682-4772 if you have information or wish to make an appointment.

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allows tribal gaming commissions greater regulatory responsibility over Class II activities, which include bingo and pull tabs. The certification means fewer visits by investigators or auditors and a reduction in the Class II license fee.

"It's a stamp of approval from the federal agency that regulates Indian gaming that says, 'yes, the tribe is doing a good job of regulating itself,' " said NIGC Commissioner Teresa E. Poust. These approvals are the first certificates issued by the NIGC's Office of Self-Regulation under its two-year old program to reward tribes that have worked to establish strong, independent tribal regulatory bodies. The investigators and auditors conducting the certification review looked at the tribe's entire gaming operation, Poust said. The certificates of self-regulation take effect Jan. 1.

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urging of Kenosha Coalition Against Legalized Gambling. Confusion between the DOT and environmental consultants hired by the Menominee resulted in the traffic count at Dairyland's main entrances being delayed until Wednesday, (Nov. 22nd) said John Flickinger, the person responsible for completing the environmental assessment. He said the traffic study likely will take three weeks to complete.

